

Public Involvement Meeting

**Shawano – Green Bay
WIS 29/156 Intersection
WIS 29
Shawano County**

**Clintonville – Howard
WIS 55 – WIS 29
WIS 156
Shawano County**

Project IDs 1058-25-70 and 6580-11-60



**October 1, 2015
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
St. Stanislaus Fellowship Hall
West 1888 Hofa Park Drive
Seymour**

A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 6:45 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting

The objective of today's meeting is to:

- Discuss design updates since our June 2014 meeting
- Discuss the proposed schedule and traffic management
- Obtain your input on the design updates and on the proposed traffic management strategies

A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 6:45 p.m. After the presentation, the meeting will follow an open house format.

Purpose and need for roadway improvements

We are proposing to improve the WIS 29/156 intersection and 4 miles of WIS 156 to address safety and pavement needs.

WIS 29/156 intersection

From 2006 to 2010, 14 crashes occurred at this location. Twelve of the crashes at the WIS 29/156 intersection were angle-type, which is considered the most dangerous because they are more severe and often result in injury. Ten of the crashes resulted in some level of injury. One angle-type crash occurred in 2011 resulting in three incapacitating injuries. Three additional crashes occurred in 2014 with one of the crashes resulting in a fatality.

In addition, the intersection is located on a curve, which may be contributing to some drivers misjudging available traffic gaps to safely enter WIS 29.

WIS 156 between WIS 55 and WIS 29

The pavement on WIS 156 is deteriorating, showing signs of cracking and rutting, and requires repair. The existing guardrail does not meet current safety standards and needs to be removed or replaced. Two culverts are deteriorating and require replacement.

Selection of the preferred WIS 29/156 intersection alternative

Alternatives for the proposed improvements were presented at October 2013 and June 2014 public involvement meetings. Different types of intersection improvements were evaluated including a J-turn intersection and two overpass options.

An overpass alternative is the preferred alternative to improve the intersection:

- Based upon input from the local and public involvement meetings
- Agricultural equipment traffic movements and land uses are less compatible with a J-turn
- Promotes WIS 156 truck traffic to use the WIS 32 interchange to access WIS 29
- Safest alternative; removes all traffic conflicts at the WIS 29/156 intersection
- Implements a component of the long-term freeway conversion without the need for a short-term expenditure

Approval of the environmental document for the recommended alternative is ongoing. A copy of the WIS 29/156 environmental document will be available for public review in October 2015.

Proposed improvements

This proposed project evaluated improvements to the WIS 29/156 intersection to address safety. The overpass alternative will require full closure of the WIS 29/156 intersection and redirection of WIS 156 via Old 29 Drive, County Y, and the WIS 32 interchange. An overpass bridge will be constructed over WIS 29.

Pavement resurfacing and intersection and structure improvements will be required on the new WIS 156 route along Old 29 Drive and County Y.

Other proposed improvements on existing WIS 156 include:

- Resurfacing the pavement on WIS 156 between WIS 55 and WIS 29
- Constructing a new box culvert at the unnamed tributary of the Black Creek
- Replacing one culvert
- Replacing or removing deteriorated guard rail

Updates since our last meeting

After the June 2014 public involvement meeting, we completed additional investigations and analysis for the WIS 29/156 intersection improvements. Additional improvements along the new WIS 156 route include:

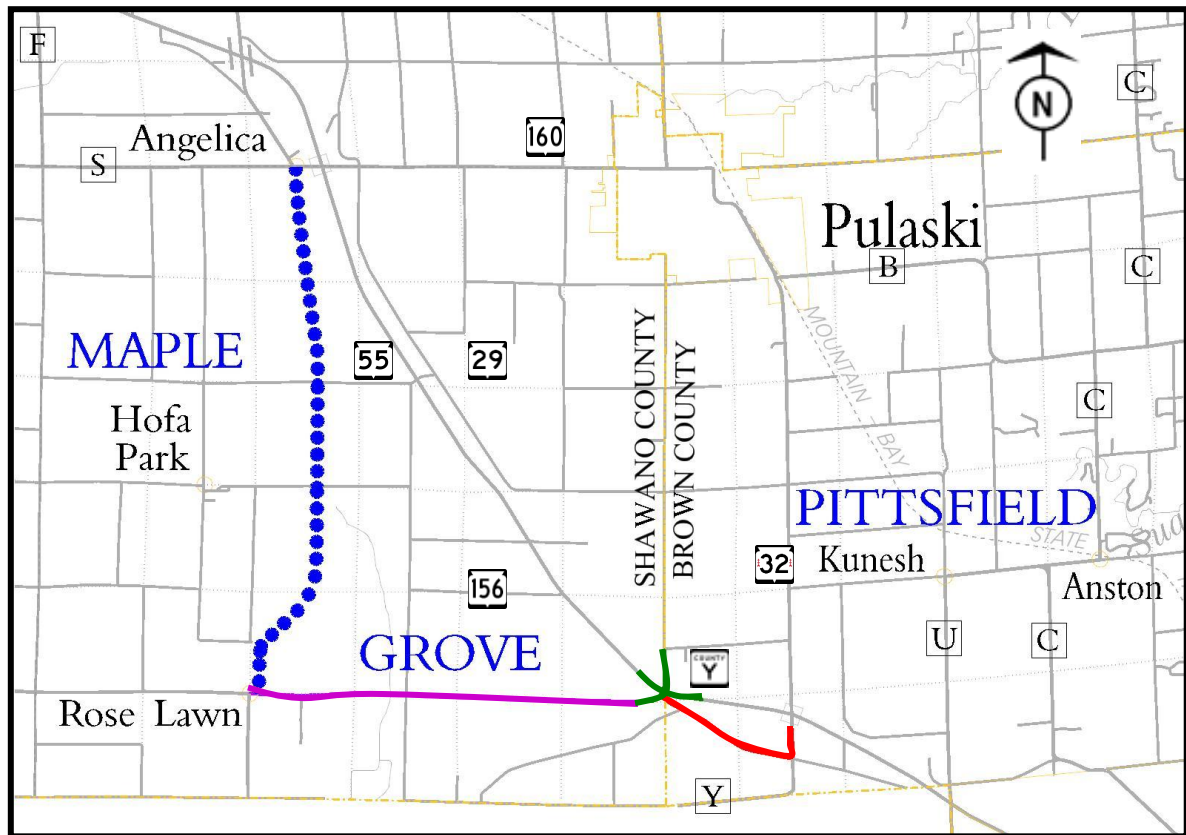
- Replacement of two deteriorated box culverts along Old 29 Drive
- Reconstruction of the County Y intersection at Old 29 Drive to address deteriorated pavement and culverts. Turn lanes will be added to address traffic movements through the intersection.

Proposed traffic impacts

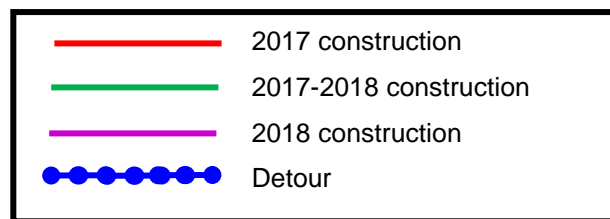
Construction is currently scheduled to begin in summer 2017 and is expected to be complete in late 2018. A two-year construction schedule is required to allow for safe, efficient construction, while maintaining local and emergency access, and to meet in-water working requirements at the stream crossings.

Some temporary interruptions to access will occur at driveways when work is occurring directly in front of your home or business. The contractor will notify homeowners and businesses at least 48 hours in advance of any temporary changes in access.

Timeframe	Traffic management	Work to be completed
2017 (summer to fall/winter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Periodic lane closures on WIS 29• Maintain WIS 156 access to WIS 29• Local access on Old 29 Drive and County Y• Close St. Augustine Road (will remain closed into 2018 construction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construct St. Augustine Road fills and bridge abutments• Construct box culverts on Old 29 Drive one at a time• Construct County Y intersection• Pave Old 29 Drive from WIS 156 to WIS 29/32
2018 (spring to fall/winter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single lane closures on WIS 29• Detour WIS 156 via WIS 55 and WIS 29• Local access on Old 29 Drive and County Y• Maintain closure of St. Augustine Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish St. Augustine Road bridge and approach pavement• Construct box culvert on WIS 156• Construct curve realignment on WIS 156• Repave WIS 156



WIS 29/156 project location and detour map



Real estate

Right of way will be required to construct this project. New right of way and temporary easements will be required at spot locations to accommodate the guard rail and culvert upgrades along WIS 156 and Old 29 Road.

Real estate acquisition and one business relocation are required at the intersection of WIS 29/156 to construct the overpass and the reconstruct of the curve on WIS 156.

Estimated right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits. We expect to begin real estate acquisitions in late 2015.

Project update/next steps

Representatives from the WisDOT project team conducted meetings with the public and local officials in fall 2013 and summer 2014. A third meeting with local officials, agencies, and utilities took place on September 1, 2015.

Current project schedule:

- Right of way appraisal staking – October 2015
- Final WIS 29/156 intersection environmental document approval – November 2015
(*The final environmental document for WIS 156 was approved in August 2015*)
- Right of way plats recorded – December 2015
- Right of way acquisition – December 2015 to February 2017
- Final design complete – February 2017
- Construction – summer 2017 to fall 2018

For more information about the WIS 29/156 intersection and WIS 156 project, please visit the project website:

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/wis29156/default.aspx>

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before **October 15, 2015** or leave them in the comment box tonight. You may also email your comments to the contacts listed below.

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

For more information, please contact:

Jim Volkmann, P.E.
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
510 North Hanson Lake Road
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715.365.5773
Jim.Volkmann@dot.wi.gov

Stephanie Christensen, P.E.
EMCS, Inc.
500 North 17th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401
715.845.1081
schristensen@emcsinc.com

Public Involvement Meeting Comment Form

Project ID 1058-25-70
Shawano - Green Bay
WIS 29/156 Intersection
WIS 29
Shawano County

Project ID 6580-11-60
Clintonville - Howard
WIS 55 – WIS 29
WIS 156
Shawano County

October 1, 2015

Please place this form in the comment box or mail by **October 15, 2015** to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to jim.volkmann@dot.wi.gov. Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

E-mail Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

[illegible]

The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Fold here

Place
Stamp
Here

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
North Central Region – Rhinelander
510 North Hanson Lake Road
Rhinelander, WI 54501
Attn: Jim Volkmann

Fold here & staple or tape to mail